



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: "High N Dry" timber sale application #30-084302 and the attached forest practice application #~~360~~ 9893 is a two unit variable retention harvest sale proposal located in the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF). The estimated timber volume removal for this proposal is 1,237 mbf, encompassing approximately 40 acres of harvest.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: This proposal is located in non habitat. Approximately 17 acres of this proposal are over 50 years of age and will be subject to the acreage limits. PR-14-004-120

Marbled Murrelet: The sale area was determined to be non- murrelet habitat by the OESF interim marbled murrelet strategy.

Slope Stability: There are no unstable slopes associated with this proposal

Riparian and/or Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): This proposal has one forested wetland associated with it. This forested wetland has been protected with a 100 year site index buffer of 154 feet. This wetland buffer will be thinned to 120 sq. ft. of basal area per acre.

Retention Trees: Retaining a minimum of eight trees per acre in the proposal area provides legacy elements for recruitment of future snags, coarse woody debris, multi-layered stands and large diameter trees. Unit 1 has 78 dispersed retention trees and Unit 2 has 205 dispersed retention trees. All retention trees have been marked with blue bands.

Roads: Approximately 1,793 feet of optional new road construction, 1,781 feet of optional re-construction and 1,831 feet of pre-haul maintenance is planned for this proposal. The 1,781 feet of reconstruction will be decommissioned upon completion of harvest.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The High N Dry timber sale proposal is located in Sec. 21 , Twp. 28N, Rge. 14 W, approximately 14 road miles west of Forks, Washington off HWY 110 and the D-300 road system. It is located within the Quillayute Bottom WAU of the Olympic Experimental State Forest. **Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[] **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**



☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from May 13, 2009. Comments must be submitted by May 27, 2009

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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